

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the Claims under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c) as set forth below:

1. (Currently Amended) A gripper assembly which comprises:
a body;
an actuator coupled to the body;
first and second opposable jaw members being pivotable in opposite
directions about coincident axes;
wherein each jaw member comprises a cam slot;
wherein each cam slot is a space formed by opposed cam walls located in
the jaw member;
wherein the cam walls form a locking portion and a pivoting portion;
wherein the distance between the cam walls of the locking portion is
substantially equal to the distance between the cam walls of the pivoting portion;
a cam pin attached to the actuator;
wherein a portion of the cam pin is located and movable in [[the]] each
cam slot such that when the cam pin engages each locking portion, it can selectively hold the
cam pin to prevent movement of the opposable jaw members.
2. (Original) The gripper assembly according to Claim 1, wherein the
locking portion is substantially a straight slot portion.
3. (Original) The gripper assembly according to Claim 1, wherein the
pivoting portion is substantially a curved slot portion.
4. (Original) The gripper assembly according to Claim 1, wherein the slot is
closed at each end.
5. (Cancel)

6. (Previously Amended) The gripper assembly according to Claim 1, further comprising a rod that is engagable by the actuator and connected to the cam pin.

7. (Currently Amended) A modular gripper assembly which comprises:

- a body having a fluid driven actuator;
- a first and second jaw members;
- wherein each of the jaw members are caused to move by the fluid driven actuator;
- wherein each of the jaw members are pivotal about an axis in opposed directions;
- wherein each of the jaw members has a through-slot disposed therein;
- wherein each through-slot has first and second closed ends;
- wherein each through-slot has first and second locking segments located between the first and second closed ends; and,
- wherein the first locking segment is located adjacent the first closed end and the second locking segment is located adjacent the second closed end;
- a pin extending into each through-slot, movable therein between the first and second closed ends; and
- wherein the first locking segment holds each of the jaw members in a closed position until driven by the actuator.

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10. (Currently Amended) The modular gripper assembly of Claim ~~[[9]]~~7, wherein the second locking segment locks each of the jaw members in an open position until driven by the actuator.

11. (Previously Amended) The modular gripper assembly of Claim 7 further comprises a central pivoting segment located between the first and second locking segments.